

Remarks:

Claims 28-53 and 59-79 were previously pending before the Examiner. With this Response, Applicant has canceled claims 43, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53, and 73-79. Furthermore, Applicant has amended claims 48, 51, and 52. Thus, claims 28-42, 45, 48, 51, 52, and 59-72 are currently pending in this application.


Claim 48 was objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner stated that Claim 48 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has taken the Examiner's advice and rewritten Claim 48 to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 48 is allowable. Moreover, Applicant believes that Claims 51 and 52 are also now allowable as they depend upon amended Claim 48, and there is written description in the specification for Claims 51 and 52. Specifically, page 11 of the specification teaches that "the source of labile acetyl groups is glyceryl triacetate, glyceryl diacetate, and glyceryl acetate," and these compounds have molecular weights between about 100 to about 300. Page 11 also teaches that glyceryl triacetate has a molecular weight of 218.20.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has already found claims 28-42, 45, and 59-72 allowable. Therefore, with entry of the above amendment and in view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that all of the objections and rejections in the Office Action dated November 3, 2004 have been overcome and should be withdrawn. Further, Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

In addition, Applicant submits that none of his amendments or cancellations are to be construed as dedicating any such subject matter to the public, and Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any such subject matter in this or a related patent application.

If, in the opinion of the Office, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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